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TRANSIT MANAGEMENT TRAINING ROADMAP
Module 1: Introduction to ITS and APTS
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Module 3: Automated Transit Information
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Customized Action Plan



Module 10: What Can ITS Do for Me?

Introduction

Slide: Goal

Goal

 To require students to write a preliminary action plan to promote ITS

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Objective

• Given a customized set of course notes, students will write a preliminary action plan to promote ITS for their agency.

Exercise 10-1: Customized Action Plan

In this exercise

You will:

• be able to write a preliminary action plan to promote ITS

Directions

Review all modules' "Custom Course Notes." Summarize on the following page.

Question 1

Rank the modules that we have covered in order of urgency to your agency:

1 = most urgent 7 = least urgent

TRANSIT MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGIES RANKING					
Ranking	Technology				
	Module 2: Automatic Vehicle Location Systems				
	Module 3: Automated Transit Information				
	Module 4: Transit Telecommunications				
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Summary—Module 1: Introduction

CUSTOMIZED COURSE NOTES

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL	
	URBAN	SUBURBAN	RURAL
TRANSIT AGENCY	OTHER		
FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL	
Bus	SUBWAY	LIGHT RAIL	TROLLEY
PARATRANSIT	OTHER		
FIXED ROUTE BUS	Bus Rapid Transit	DEMAND RESPON	ISE
_	TRANSIT AGENCY FEDERAL BUS PARATRANSIT	URBAN TRANSIT AGENCY OTHER FEDERAL STATE BUS SUBWAY PARATRANSIT OTHER FIXED ROUTE BUS BUS RAPID TRANSIT	URBAN SUBURBAN TRANSIT AGENCY OTHER FEDERAL STATE LOCAL BUS SUBWAY LIGHT RAIL PARATRANSIT OTHER FIXED ROUTE BUS BUS RAPID TRANSIT DEMAND RESPON

CUSTOMIZED COURSE NOTES

2. Fill in your ideas for what actions you will take when you return to your office.

IDEAS		ACTION ITEMS	Sources of Information
	le, do any of these apply to you? Next step – Assess needs	Meet with staff to assess needs	
YES NO	What is in budget?	Review budget information to see if any ITS projects are scheduled	
IDEAS		ACTION ITEMS	Sources of Information

Summary—Module 2: AVL

CUSTOMIZED COURSE NOTES

MY AGENCY: DESCRIPTION OF FLEET MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGIES: AVL

1. Circle the most appropriate choices below that describe your **current** status on AVL systems. Highlight any areas that may interest you in the **future**.

AVL IMPLEMENTATION:	NONE FULL FLEET	Test-Phase	PARTIAL FLEET%
LOCATION TECHNOLOGY:	GPS SIGNPOST & ODOMETER	DIFFERENTIAL GPS RADIONAVIGATION/RADIOLOCATION	DEAD RECKONING LORAN-C
COMBINATION SYSTEM?	Yes / No		
DATA TO DISPATCH:	Polling	EXCEPTION REPORTING	

GIS IMPLEMENTATION: NONE TEST-PHASE IN-PLACE

2. Check "YES" or "NO" for the situations described below.

SHOULD YOU CONSIDER AVL?

My Agency's Challenges	YES	NO
THE BUSES DON'T RUN ON TIME		
Bus Bunching		
DRIVER'S WATCH AND DISPATCH NOT		
SYNCHRONIZED		
CAN'T LOCATE VEHICLES PRECISELY AND		
QUICKLY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY		
VEHICLES NOT FULL		

PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF MY AGENCY	YES	NO
VEHICLES NOT ON TIME		
VEHICLES DON'T RUN OFTEN ENOUGH		
Don't know when the next vehicle is		
ARRIVING/DEPARTING		
Don'T KNOW THE SCHEDULE FOR MY		
RETURN TRIP		
TRANSFERS HAVE TOO MUCH WAITING TIME		

In the Future, We will be implementing:	YES	NO
AUTOMATED TRAVELER INFORMATION SYSTEMS		
COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH (E.G. SCHEDULE ADHERENCE MONITORING, SCHEDULE PLANNING)		
SILENT ALARM		
TRAFFIC SIGNAL PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT		
VEHICLE COMPONENT MONITORING SYSTEMS		
AUTOMATIC PASSENGER COUNTERS		
ELECTRONIC FARE PAYMENT SYSTEMS		

3. Read the section below and highlight situations that apply to your agency.

Note: This table is not intended as an all-encompassing resource list, but can help you start to assess AVL system options.

TECHNOLOGY SELECTION HELPER								
LOCATION TECHNOLOGY	GPS	DIFFERENTIAL GPS	SignPost	DEAD RECKONING	RADIO	COMBINATION SYSTEM		
URBAN CANYONS			×	×		×		
TUNNELS			×	×		×		
WIDE SERVICE AREA	×	×			×	×		
FIXED ROUTES THAT WON'T CHANGE	×	×	×	×	×			
SMALL MAINTENANCE BUDGET	×	×			×			

DATA TO DISPATCH	EXCEPTION REPORTING	Polling
LARGE FLEET	×	
BUSY TELECOM SYSTEM	×	
NEED TO REDUCE COSTS PER VEHICLE		×

CUSTOMIZED COURSE NOTES

4. Fill in your ideas for what actions you will take when you return to your office.

IDEAS	ACTION ITEMS	Sources of Information
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For example, do any of these apply to you?

YES NO I need to find out more from

dispatch

Ask about the type and amount of data coming in and going out

Decide "no action at this time"

YES NO Is it within budget?

Gather cost information FTA online Electronic Data Library Update '98

YES NO AVL is not for me

Fill in your ideas here...

Summary—Module 3: ATIS

CUSTOMIZED COURSE NOTES

	MY AGENCY: DESCRIPTION	OF ATIS						
1.	1. Circle the most appropriate choices below that describe your current status on ATIS systems. Highlight any areas that may interest you in the future .							
	ATIS IMPLEMENTATION:	None	PRE-TRIP	IN-TERMINAL/WAYSIDE	In-Vehicle			
	MEDIA:							
	ELECTRONIC SIGNAGE:	ON-BOARD DIS	SPLAYS	ON-BOARD ANNUNCIATORS				
		A UTOMATED A	NNOUNCEMENTS	EXTERNAL VARIABLE SIGNS				
		EXTERNAL AND	NUNCIATORS	TELEVISION MONITORS				
	PHONE SYSTEMS:	MANUAL		OPERATOR ASSISTED				
		FULL AUTOMA	TION	HYBRID AUTOMATED/ HUMAN	INTERACTION			
	REMOTE ACCESS MEDIA:	Touch-tone I	PHONEINTERNET	Kiosks				
	Cable TV		HAND-HELD DEVICES	PAGERS				
	MULTIMODAL SOURCES OF INFO:	Bus	SUBWAY	Rail	TRAFFIC			
		OTHER		_				

2. Check "YES" or "NO" for the situations described below.

SHOULD YOU CONSIDER ATIS?

My Agency's Challenges	YES	NO
HIGH TRAFFIC, SOV IN REGION		
TRAFFIC HAS AN ATIS		
MANUAL PHONE SYSTEM HAS HIGH HANGUP RATE /NOT ENOUGH OPERATORS		
CURRENTLY HAVE AVL SYSTEM		
LOCAL LONG-TERM CONSTRUCTION		
NEED TO INCREASE SAFETY AND REDUCE TRAVEL TIME		
WEATHER CONDITIONS ARE EXTREME		
NEED TO HAVE REAL-TIME INFORMATION		

PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF AGENCY	YES	NO
VEHICLES NOT ON TIME		
VEHICLES DON'T RUN OFTEN ENOUGH		
Don'T KNOW WHEN THE NEXT VEHICLE IS		
ARRIVING/DRPARTING		
Don't know the schedules or routes		
Don'T KNOW WHEN TO GET OFF THE		
VEHICLE (WHICH STOP IS MY STOP?)		
NEED A GOOD ROUTE ALTERNATIVE -		
INFORMATION IS NOT PROVIDED		
CURRENTLY		

3. Read the section below and highlight situations that apply to your agency.

Note: This table is not intended as an all-encompassing resource list, but can help you start to assess ATIS options.

TECHNOLOGY SELECTION HELPER													
	PRE-TRIP	In-Terminal	IN-VEHICLE	PHONE	Кіѕок	INTERNET	CABLE TV	HAND-HELD DEVICES	PAGERS	ELECTRONIC SIGNS	Television Monitors	Annunciators	ON-BOARD - DIISPLAYS
LOW BUDGET						×							
AIDS ADA COMPLIANCE										×	×	×	×
MULTILINGUAL CAPACITY					×	×							
REACHES BROAD AUDIENCE/ MARKETING	×				×	×	×						
ALLOWS CHOICES IN TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS	X			×	X	X	×	×	×				
INCREASED CUSTOMER SAFETY - NOT HAVING TO WAIT ON PLATFORMS		×			×						×		
INCREASED CUSTOMER SATISFACTION WITH ACCURATE INFORMATION	×	×	×										
AUTOMATED INFO FREES DRIVER – INCREASES SAFETY			×							×		×	×
FLEXIBLE LEVELS OF COMMITMENT				×		×							

4. Fill in your ideas for what actions you will take when you return to your office.

IDEAS		ACTION ITEMS	Sources of Information
For exam	ple, do any of these apply to you?		
YES NO	Need to update phone ATIS	buy/plan for pre-trip telephone systems technology	
YES NO	Can we do Internet?	build an Internet web site with transit information	
YES NO		research kiosks	look up cable TV technology on the Internet
YES NO	Find out more about in-vehicle systems	attend an in-vehicle systems technology course	
		ask for an electronic sign demonstration	
YES NO	What should we do?	meet with your staff to assess Automated Transit Information systems	
YES NO	ATIS is not for me	decide "no action at this time"	
Fill in you	ır ideas here		
IDEAS		ACTION ITEMS	Sources of Information

Summary—Module 4: Transit Telecommunications

CUSTOMIZED COURSE NOTES

MY AGENCY: DESCRIPTION OF TRANSIT TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1. Describe the communications links you use in your agency and how the links are used. Highlight any areas that may interest you in the **future**.

WIRELINE COMMUNICATIONS: NONE OWNED VOICE/DATA LINES
LEASED VOICE/DATA LINES

CENTER-TO-CENTER COMMUNICATIONS

WIDE AREA WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS: NONE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

SATELLITE CELLULAR PHONES OTHER CELLULAR DEVICES

RADIO: DEDICATED SPECTRUM CONVENTIONAL MOBILE RADIO SERVICES
TRUNKED SYSTEM SHARED SPECTRUM

SPREAD SPECTRUM

NONE SIGNAL PRIORITY TOLL READERS

VEHICLE TO VEHICLE COMMUNICATIONS: NONE OTHER

2. Check "YES" or "NO" for the situations described below.

DEDICATED SHORT RANGE COMMUNICATIONS:

SHOULD YOU CONSIDER UPGRADING YOUR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM?

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My Agency's Challenges	YES	NO
CROWDED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK		
OLD RADIO EQUIPMENT		
CAN'T GET PARTS / MAINTENANCE IS DIFFICULT FOR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT		
CURRENTLY HAVE 25 Hz CHANNELS IN RADIO SYSTEM		
EMERGENCY SERVICES IN MY AREA ARE CONSOLIDATING TELECOMMUNICATIONS		

WE CURRENTLY HAVE OR WILL BE IMPLEMENTING IN THE FUTURE:	YES	NO
AUTOMATIC VEHICLE LOCATION SYSTEMS		
PLANNED UPGRADE TO THE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM		
COMPUTER-AIDED DISPATCH (E.G. SCHEDULE ADHERENCE MONITORING, SCHEDULE PLANNING)		
Mobile Data Terminals		
SILENT ALARM		
AUTOMATIC PASSENGER COUNTERS		
ELECTRONIC FARE PAYMENT SYSTEMS		

3. Read the section below and highlight situations that apply to your agency.

Note: This table is not intended as all-encompassing resources list, but can help you assess telecommunications options.

TECHNOLOGY SELECTION HELPER					
	TRUNKED	SHARED	SPREAD	SATELLITE SERVICE	Wireless (Cellular)
INEXPENSIVE (RELATIVELY)		×	×		×
Proven Technology	×	×	×	×	×
MULTI-CHANNELS AVAILABLE	×				
HIGH VOLUME CAPACITY	×			×	
USER FLEXIBILITY	×	×		×	
HIGH BAND USE EFFICIENCY	×	×	×		
TOLERANCE TO INTERFERENCE			×		
LICENSING REQUIRED	×	×			
LIMITED RANGE			×		×
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4. Fill in your ideas for what actions you will take when you return to your office.

IDEAS ACTION ITEMS SOURCES OF INFORMATION

For example, do any of these apply to you?

YES NO We should own our own telecommunications channels and equipment

YES NO We don't have telecommunications specialists on staff

Call Joe LoVecchio at Volpe

Summary—Module 5: Transit Operations Software

CUSTOMIZED COURSE NOTES

MY AGENCY: DESCRIPTION OF TRANSIT OPERATIONS SOFTWARE

1. Circle the most appropriate choices below that describe your **current** status on transit operations software. Highlight any areas that may interest you in the **future**.

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FIXED ROUTE BUS:	INTELLIGENT VEHICLE LOGIC UNIT	Mobile Data Terminals
	AUTOMATIC PASSENGER COUNTER	GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM
	AUTOMATIC VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION	COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH
Rail:	SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUIS	ITION (SCADA)
	SERVICE MONITORING	AUTOMATIC TRAIN SUPERVISION
	ADVANCED RAIL CONTROL	
CONTROL CENTER:	Bus Control Center	RAIL CONTROL CENTER
	TRANSIT CONTROL CENTER (BUS & RAIL)	TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER
TRANSPORTATION CONTROL CENTER (MULTIMODAL)		

2. Check "YES" or "NO" for the situations described below.

SHOULD YOU CONSIDER TRANSIT OPERATIONS SOFTWARE?

MY AGENCY'S CHALLENGES	YES	NO
HAVE MANY STAND-ALONE SYSTEMS THAT DON'T EXCHANGE INFORMATION		
HAVE COMPLETED AN OPERATIONAL TEST OF AVL ON PARTIAL FLEET		
NEED MORE ACCURATE DATA ON PASSENGER USAGE		
BUSES ARE NOT ADHERING TO SCHEDULE		
BUSES ARE HARD TO LOCATE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY		
Bus bunching		
NEED TO AUTOMATE STREAMLINE, INTEGRATE FUNCTIONS AND MODES		

3. Fill in your ideas for what actions you will take when you return to your office.

IDEAS		ACTION ITEMS	Sources of Information
For examp	ole, do any of these apply to you?		
YES NO	What do we have at dispatch?	Look at the technology used by your dispatch to determine vehicle location	
		Ride a bus and pay attention to communications between the vehicle operator and dispatch	
YES NO	What's out there?	Attend an operations software for transit technology course	Look up Transit Operations Software on the Internet
		Meet with your staff to assess fleet management software	
		Contact another transit agency to arrange a visit to their transportation control center	
YES NO	TOS is not for me	Decide "no action at this time"	

Summary—Module 6: Paratransit

CUSTOMIZED COURSE NOTES

		ERVICES be your current status on Para	utransit CAD system	s. Highlight any
PARATRANSIT FLEET SIZE:	SMALL BUSES WHEELCHAIR LIFT BUS/VAN	Taxis	Vans	
SERVICE AREA:	URBAN	SUBURBAN	Rural	
SERVICES PROVIDED:	ROUTE DEVIATION	DEMAND RESPONSE		
ADVANCE TRIP SCHEDULING NOTICE (IN HOURS):				
LEVEL OF AUTOMATION:	NONE	Low	MEDIUM	Нідн
Technologies:	AVL GIS/ MAPPING SOFTWARE INTERNET ATIS	CAD ON-BOARD MDTS AUTOMATED PHONE SYSTEM	SCHEDULING & DISI DYNAMIC REROUTIN	PATCHING SOFTWARE
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2. Check "YES" or "NO" for the situations described below.

SHOULD YOU CONSIDER PARATRANSIT CAD TECHNOLOGIES?

MY AGENCY'S CHALLENGES	YES	NO
HIGH NUMBER OF NO-SHOWS OR		
CANCELLATIONS		
Don't have enough Buses with Lifts		
Costs too much		
MANUAL PHONE SYSTEM HAS HIGH HANGUP		
RATE /NOT ENOUGH OPERATORS		

PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF AGENCY	YES	NO
VEHICLES NOT ON TIME		
TAKES TOO LONG TO SCHEDULE A RIDE		
DIDN'T KNOW SERVICE WAS AVAILABLE		
STOPS DON'T COME CLOSE ENOUGH TO MY		
HOUSE		

3. Read the section below and highlight situations that apply to your agency.

Note: This table is not intended as all-encompassing resources list, but can help you assess paratransit CAD options.

TECHNOL	DGY SELECTION HELPER						
		SCHEDULING SOFTWARE	MDT	GIS	AVL	ATIS	
	SCHEDULE ADHERENCE	×			×		
	RESCHEDULE NO SHOWS/ REPOUTE BUSES	×	×	×	×		
	FILL VEHICLES	×	×		×	×	
	SCHEDULE ROUTES MORE EFFICIENTLY	×		×			
	REDUCE PASSENGER WAITING TIME	×	×		×		
	ACCOUNTING /BILLING AIDS	×	×				
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CUSTOMIZED COURSE NOTES

4. Fill in your ideas for what actions you will take when you return to your office.

For example, do any of these apply to you?

YES NO Check out planning software Other transit agencies

Look up scheduling and dispatch technology on the Internet

YES NO Call an AVL or fleet management

vendor

YES NO Attend an ITS technology for

paratransit course

Fill in your ideas here...

Summary—Module 7: Electronic Fare Payment

CUSTOMIZED COURSE NOTES

MY AGENCY: DESCRIPTION OF FARE PAYMENT

1. Circle the most appropriate choices below that describe your **current** status on fare payment media and systems. Highlight any areas that may interest you in the **future**.

FARE PAYMENT MEDIA:	CASH	Token	DISPOSABLE MONTHLY PASS
	REUSABLE MONTHLY PASS	OTHER PASS:	
SMART CARD:	MAGNETIC STRIPE HYBRID	CONTACT CHIP	CONTACTLESS (PROXIMITY)
PAYMENT SYSTEM:	ALL SYSTEMS SEPARATE		
INTEGRATED SYSTEMS:	Bus/Rail integrated Paratransit integrated	OTHER MODES INTEGRATED BILLING SYSTEMS INTEGRATED	MULTIPLE AGENCIES INTEGRATED

2. Check "YES" or "NO" for the situations described below.

SHOULD YOU CONSIDER ELECTRONIC FARE PAYMENT?

My Agency's Challenges	YES	NO
HIGH CASH HANDLING COSTS		
NEED TO REDUCE FARE EVASION		
HIGH MAINTENANCE COSTS OF OLD FARE BOXES		
NO ONE BUYS THE MONTHLY PASSES		
HIGH BOARDING TIMES		

PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS	YES	NO
Don't like fumbling for change		
DON'T LIKE HAVING TO PAY FOR THE BUS		
AND THEN AGAIN FOR THE SUBWAY		

3. Read the section below and highlight situations that apply to your agency.

Note: This table is not intended as all-encompassing resources list, but can help you assess electronic fare payment options.

TECHNOLOGY SELECTION HELI	PER			
FARE PAYMENT M EDIA	MAGNETIC STRIPE	CONTACT CHIP CARD	CONTACTLESS	HYBRID CARD
LOW COST PER CARD	×			
HARD TO COUNTERFIET	×	×		×
HIGH RELIABILITY		×		
LONG LIFE OF CARD			×	
EASY TO USE	×		×	
HIGH SECURITY			×	×
USER CAN INCREASE \$ VALUE	×	×	×	×
STORES MULTIPLE TYPES OF DATA		×		×
HARD TO VANDALIZE READERS		×		
FAST THROUGHPUT			×	
LOW MAINTENANCE OF FARE BOX			×	

Integrated Payment System	Multicarrier	Мистіморас
FLEXIBLE FARE STRUCTURES	×	×
INCREASED CUSTOMER SATISFACTION	×	×
LOWER CASH HANDLING COSTS	×	×
SEAMLESS TRANSPORTATION	×	×
INCREASED REVENUES FROM "FLOAT"	×	×

CUSTOMIZED COURSE NOTES

4. Fill in your ideas for what actions you will take when you return to your office.

Summary—Module 8: Small Urban and Rural Transit Systems

CUSTOMIZED COURSE NOTES

1. Fill in your ideas for what actions you will take when you return to your office.

Summary—Module 9: Stages of ITS

CUSTOMIZED COURSE NOTES

1. Fill in your ideas for what actions you will take when you return to your office.

IDEAS ACTION ITEMS SOURCES OF INFORMATION

For example, do any of these apply to you?

YES NO There are projects in the TIP that have an ITS component and effect regional ITS integration

Take an Architecture Course

The National ITS Architecture CD-ROM

YES NO Who are the stakeholders in my area?